

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

9643 Brookline Ave, Ste. 101, Baton Rouge, LA 70809



REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

1:00 P.M.

Louisiana Engineering Society Building, Conference Room
9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809

MINUTES

Chairman Kumar called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., November 11, 2014.

Present: William Finley, Madhurendu Kumar, Lloyd Hoover, Arthur Johnson, and John Johnston, Board Members. Ethel Graham, Legal Counsel, and Georgeann McNicholas, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Absent: Kelli Hardesty, Daisy Pate, Todd Perry and William Meaney, Board Members.

Quorum established. Roll Call sheet was circulated for signatures.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of 10/28/2014 were reviewed. Motion made by Finley to accept the minutes, seconded by Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Johnson presented the Treasurer's report. Johnston moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Finley seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Proposed budget was briefly discussed and tabled to November 25, 2014 meeting of the Board. Proposed budget should be reviewed by all Board members for comment. Discussion ensued regarding payment for attorney's fees to Dept. of Justice for enforcement/legal proceedings, and legal counsel's presence at board meetings. Kumar requested that Graham present contract for board approval.

Licensing Application Review Committee – Finley read numbers of applications not approved for lack of appropriate references, education or work experience or denied. Johnson moved to approve numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, and 70 of the Licensing Review Committee List for November 11, 2014. Motion was seconded by Johnston. Motion carried unanimously. Seconded by Johnson. Carried unanimously. Number 61 of list dated October 28, 2014 was re-reviewed and it was approved at today's meeting, number 68 of list dated November 11, 2014. Number 24 of list dated September 9, 2014 is still lacking work experience requirement but has a reference that did not note the amount of time worked. Request will be made to applicant to have the reference note time worked.

Licensing Examination Committee - No report at this time.

Complaint Review Committee – No report at this time.

Hearing Committee – No report at this time.

Comity/Reciprocity - No report at this time.

Office Committee – Johnston reported on closing JP Morgan Chase account November 30, 2014 if all checks have cleared at that time. McNicholas will check account week before. Usable Creative contract has been approved by Office of Contractual Review. Cox has offered increased speed to LES which will cost LBOPG an additionally \$10 per month. Other option of LBOPG adding internet to its account discussed. Hoover made motion that LBOPG continue to share internet account with LES and pay the monthly increase of \$10 per month for increased speed. Seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Rules Committee – No report at this time.

Website – McNicholas reported Usable Creative contract was approved by the Office of Contractual Affairs. Usable Creative will begin work on Phase One next week. The first action will be the development of the Reviewer's Report. Finley reported on the Application Review Flow Chart that will be used to assist Application Review Committee Usable Creative with the development of the Reviewer's Report. Exam testing information will need to be added after January 1, 2015.

Legal Counsel's Comments – Nothing further than what has been discussed.

Other Business –

Waiver of References: Discussion of waiver of references ensued. Johnston made motion that the waiver of references granted to geoscientists licensed in Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas licensed applicants granted May 6, 2014 be withdrawn in fairness to all applicants and for consistency. Going forward from today's date, all applicants will provide three current references from qualified geoscientist. Seconded by Johnson. Passed unanimously. McNicholas to footnote Minutes of May 6, 2014 to today's minutes.

ASBOG: McNicholas reported on her telephone conference with the Sam Christiano, Director of ASBOG, the number of licensees to date, one-time cost of \$25,000.00 and annual fee of \$4,500 to join ASBOG. Johnston moved that LBOPG join ASBOG. Seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Application Review Process: Discussion ensued regarding the number of applications reviewed every two weeks and process involved.

Forms To Be Created: License Renewal Application; Geoscientist-In-Training Application; Temporary License Application; ASBOG Exam Application.

CLE: Discussion.

Area of Expertise: Discussion ensued regarding geoscientists working within their area of expertise. Unethical to work outside of area of expertise.

Next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m., November 25, 2014 at the Louisiana Engineering Society Building Conference Room, 9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA. December meetings will be on the 9th and 23rd. Graham again mentioned that she will not be here for the meeting on December 23rd but she will have someone from the Attorney General's office to cover the meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Johnson, seconded by Johnston. Motion passed unanimously. Kumar adjourned meeting at 2:37 p.m.